

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

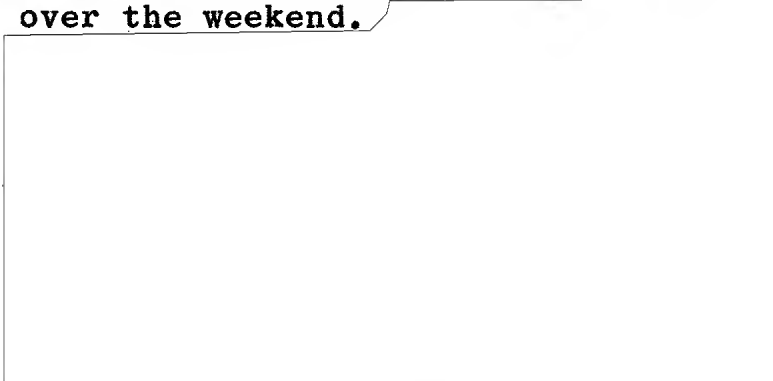
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1. Malaysia

a. Sukarno's confrontation of Malaysia moved another step forward over the weekend.



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c. Ambassador Jones says the Indonesian decision to break off trade with Malaysia amounts to Indonesia's cutting its economic throat in pursuit of a political objective.

d. In Singapore, the smashing victory scored by Lee Kuan Yew in Saturday's election will strengthen his claim to a bigger voice in running Malaysia. Lee attracted a large number of Malay votes despite Rahman's last-minute appeal on behalf of Malay candidates.

2. South Vietnam

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c. The US embassy in Saigon notes some improvement in relations between working-level Vietnamese and their American counterparts. However, articles critical of the US continue to appear in the controlled press and briefings for Vietnamese troops retain an anti-American flavor.

3. Pakistan-China

a. Pakistani officials have decided that the Lahore-Kashgar air route, one of the two allowed Pakistan in the agreement with China, is something less than a commercial plum.

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b. They describe a trial flight early this month as a "touch-and-go" affair and recall vividly flying through cloud banks at 24,000 feet while much higher mountain peaks loomed all around.

c. At Kashgar the officials found only a gravel runway and no terminal or maintenance facilities. Kashgar did have a radio beacon but the Pakistanis failed to pick it up until their plane was directly over the airport.

d. The Pakistanis were also unimpressed with the lot of Kashgar's Moslem population, which looked intimidated, persecuted and poverty-stricken.

4. Cuba

b. Castro's picture of himself as successfully curtailing the influence of orthodox Communists at home

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5. Czechoslovakia

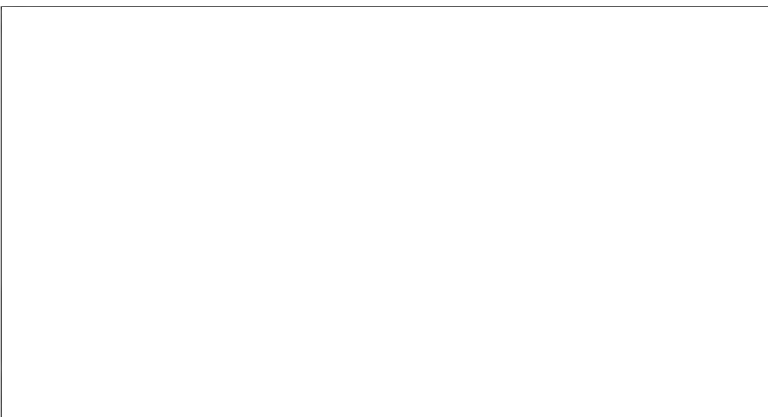
a. The changes in the Czech cabinet announced Saturday represent Novotny's long-expected move to placate his critics by jettisoning embarrassing political baggage.

b. Most of the dismissed officials, including Premier Siroky, have been tarred either with the regime's past political repression or present economic mistakes.

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c. So, of course, has Novotny, and some of the new appointees are members of a loose "liberal" grouping within the Central Committee which we regard as hostile to Novotny.

6. Haiti



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NOTES

- A. Sino-Soviet We doubt that Peiping, which has been reading and writing the same sort of material for years, will miss the threat with which the Soviets wound up their week-end lecture. Moscow told the Chinese that they could expect a "resolute rebuff" if they kept to the "dangerous path" they have been following, especially along the border.
- B. Japan Japanese Prime Minister Ikeda sets out today on a good will visit to the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. He has confided to Ambassador Reischauer his plan to propose that the leaders of these countries come to Tokyo next year to discuss the formation of a new West Pacific organization. Ikeda sets great stock in this scheme, the chief object of which is to draw Indonesia more into the western camp.
- C. Ecuador The junta which replaced Arosemena appears to be coming apart. The betting in Quito is that either General Naranjo or Colonel Gandara will soon make a move to assume control.
- D. Mexico-US In the past two weeks both President Lopez Mateos and the foreign minister have publicly reiterated their confidence that the US will soon carry out its undertaking to reduce the salt content of Colorado River water reaching Mexico. Mexico City fears serious political repercussions if an effective solution is not found before winter crops are planted.

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E. USSR-Brazil The Soviet embassy in Rio has announced that Gromyko will visit Brazil after attending the inauguration of the Argentine president on 12 October.

F. Angola

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Angolan fighters are starting to filter back into Angola, having completed their military training in the Congo.

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G. Laos The Pathet Lao now say that they are holding the men who went down with an Air America plane early this month as "prisoners of war", but did not specify how many survivors they were holding. Three Americans were aboard.